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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.191 the Appellants hereby respectfully appeal Examiner's **Final Rejection** of claims 1-9, 11-16, 18 and 19 mailed April 5, 2004. It is noted that the time to file this Notice of Appeal is extended to August 5, 2004, in accordance with a petition for a one-month extension filed July 9, 2004.

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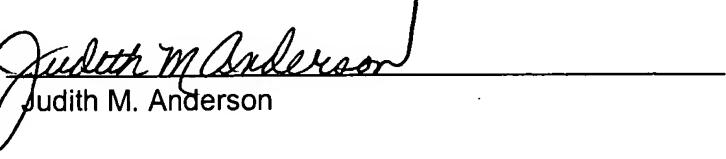
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